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In re Patent Application of)	
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GEORGES DEVAQUET, et al.)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: June 15, 2001)	
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For: METHOD FOR VISUALIZING AND)	
PROCESSING PROCESS RUNS, AND A)	
COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR)	
SIMULATING THE SAME)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method for visualizing and processing a value assembly process, the value assembly process being visualized as a set of value assembly lines, which value assembly lines are arranged on a number of different hierarchical levels, the value assembly lines having the following essential properties:
- each value assembly line has precisely one output interface and at least one input interface;

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